

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1. (Currently amended) A device for lifting a wire rack having a plurality of parallel spaced cross wires, the device comprising:

a handle;

a flexible stabilizing member connected to the handle and having ends formed to engage the top surface of the wire rack;

a hook member connected to the stabilizing member and formed to receive at least one of the cross wires of the wire rack when the stabilizing member is in a compressed position;

and

wherein the hook member has a plurality of grooves to receive at least one of the cross wires.

Claim 2. (Original) The device of claim 1 wherein a brush assembly is connected to the stabilizing member.

Claim 3. (Original) The device of claim 1 wherein a cooking utensil is connected to one of the ends of the stabilizing member.

Claim 4. (Original) The device of claim 3 wherein the cooking utensil is frictionally connected to the one end of the stabilizing member.

Claim 5. (Original) The device of claim 1 wherein the stabilizing member has an arcuate shape.

Claims 6-9 (Canceled)

Claim 10. (Previously presented) A device for lifting a wire rack having a plurality of parallel spaced cross wires, the device comprising:

- a handle having a connecting flange;
- a flexible stabilizing member connected to the connecting flange of the handle and having ends formed to engage the top surface of the wire rack; and
- a hook member connected to the stabilizing member and formed to receive at least one of the cross wires of the wire rack when the stabilizing member is in a compressed position.

Claim 11. (Previously presented) The device of claim 10 wherein a brush assembly is connected to the stabilizing member.

Claim 12. (Previously presented) The device of claim 10 wherein a cooking utensil is connected to one of the ends of the stabilizing member.

Claim 13. (Previously presented) The device of claim 10 wherein the cooking utensil is frictionally connected to the one end of the stabilizing member.

Claim 14. (Previously presented) The device of claim 10 wherein the stabilizing member has an arcuate shape.

Claim 15. (Previously presented) The device of claim 10 wherein the hook member has a groove to receive at least one of the cross wires.

Claim 16. (Previously presented) The device of claim 10 wherein the hook member has a plurality of grooves.

Claim 17. (Currently presented) A device for lifting a wire rack having a plurality of parallel spaced cross wires, the device comprising:

a handle;
a flexible arcuate stabilizing member connected to the handle and having ends with a horizontal flat planar portion formed to engage the top surface of the wire rack; and
a hook member connected to the stabilizing member and formed to receive at least one of the cross wires of the wire rack when the stabilizing member is in a compressed position.

Claim 18. (Previously presented) The device of claim 17 wherein a brush assembly is connected to the stabilizing member.

Claim 19. (Previously presented) The device of claim 17 wherein a cooking utensil is connected to one of the ends of the stabilizing member.

Claim 20. (Previously presented) The device of claim 17 wherein the cooking utensil is frictionally connected to the one end of the stabilizing member.

Claim 21. (Previously presented) The device of claim 17 wherein the stabilizing member has an arcuate shape.

Claim 22. (Previously presented) The device of claim 17 wherein the hook member has a groove to receive at least one of the cross wires.

Claim 23. (Previously presented) The device of claim 17 wherein the hook member has a plurality of grooves.